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1. Western warning to Czechoslovakia not favored—The UK Foreign Office has expressed an initially unfavorable opinion of a recommendation made by the British Ambassador in Prague that the US, UK, and France issue a joint warning to the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister against further "spy trials" involving Western nationals. The Foreign Office explained this attitude by stating its view that (1) there is no indication that any such trial is in the offing; (2) Western demands would be unlikely to stop the trial if it were being planned, and (3) a Western demarche might even impel the Czechoslovaks to organize one.

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